

Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission
August 26, 2009

Chairman Greg Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members shared what they did over the summer, including travels and special events. Congratulations were extended to Andrew and Jacqueline Macuga, who were married on Friday, August 21st!

Members Present: Mary Ann Boos, Dottie Cirino, Debbie Edelman, Patty Fowler, Barbara Joyce, Andrew Macuga, Chris Mlachak, Greg Taylor. **Excused:** Ronnie Bubonics, Jim Garman, Becky Haller, Trisha Kostura, Sandy Luther, Kara Maruszak. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Mlachak moved to accept the June 24, 2009, minutes and Mary Ann Boos seconded. Motion carried and minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications/Correspondence: Fowler read a thank you letter from the Recreation Department for our participation and booth at Movie Night in the Park, on July 24. Kara Maruszak was selected at Miss SNPJ 2009 and was featured in an article in the *SNPJ News*, which Patty passed around for all to see. A Community Brief announcing our Recycle Night event was published in the August 17th *News-Herald*.

Treasurer's Report: Fowler read the report for Ronnie Bubonics who was on vacation. Mary Ann Boos moved to accept the Treasurers Report and Andrew Macuga seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business: The 2009 Bright Spot winners have been selected and include: Plaza Motel, East Side Farmers Market, El Charrito, Euclid Spring, PMC Industries and Powertrain Automotive. Photos have been taken of all the businesses for our Awards Banquet presentation.

Legislation: Fowler read the report for Luther. Various precincts in the four Wards will be combined to decrease costs to the Board of Elections. There will be a primary on September 22 for Ward 1 and 4 council seats. Demolition of the Ponderosa property has been completed. The old Clark station on the corner of Euclid and Empire has been demolished and the property leveled and seeded. Empire Road project is proceeding and completion is hopeful for October or sooner.

Great American Cleanup: No report.

Publicity: Fowler reported that our events are being publicized on the website and the local cable channel, including Shred Files event and Recycle Night.

Recycling: Chris Mlachak reported that phone book recycling will begin on September 18-Oct 23. Phone books may now be recycled in the green & yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bins. We received \$42.25 from EcoPhones for the cell phones we recycled. We will collect cell phones at the Shred Your Files event on September 26th. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this event from 9:00 AM – Noon. HHW collection will be on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Rose Garden: Winterization of the Rose Garden will be scheduled after a few frosts have occurred, probably in early December. Patty is trying to stay ahead of the deer who eat the rose buds before they bloom!

Ways and Means: No report.

Yard of the Year: Mary Ann Boos reported the Yard of the Year winners have been selected and that their photos have been taken. The winners are:

Ward 1 – Nancy & Terry McCrystal, 2125 Sunset Dr.

Ward 2 – Jane & Karl Kramp, 689 N. Elmwood Dr.

Ward 3 – Ruby Houston, 1862 Kennedy Dr.

Ward 4 – Cindy & Doug Schnug, 1647 Dennis Dr.

Education: No report.

America In Bloom: Fowler reported that the committee has reviewed this year's plantings and have made suggestions for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycle Night at Football Game – September 4. A sign up sheet for volunteers was sent around the meeting to get help for the event. We discussed several options for a recycling game that children could play at the event, including tossing plastic bottles into recycling bins. Barb Joyce to look into a game called “Can Jam”, a Frisbee type game that uses recycled bottles. A “toss game” at a magnetic board was also an option we discussed. Patty to contact Becky Haller and the Green Devils ecology group to help at the event.

Fall Shred Files Event – to be held on September 26 from 9:00 AM – Noon at the Coulby Park recycling site. Two or three helpers will be needed to unload cars for the event. Andrew Macuga volunteered to help, and more helpers will be solicited at our September meeting.

Litter Index – September 19 – Patty requested volunteers for the annual Litter Index that needs to be done to maintain our affiliation standing with KAB. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, and we need two teams of 3-4 people to help with this survey. It takes about 1.5 – 2 hours to complete. A sign up sheet was passed around and Patty will contact those who did not attend the meeting to see if they are available to help.

Movie Night at Coulby Park – was held on July 24 –KWB Commission has a table at the event and distributed coloring books & crayons, ring Frisbees and fall event bookmarks. Thanks to Debbie Edelman, Kara Maruszak, Jim & Irene Garman and Sandy & George Luther for helping at this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

America Recycles Day – November 14 & 15 at Cleveland Botanical Gardens
KWB has been asked to participate in this event at the CBG. We will have a table at the event, in combination with Keep Mentor Beautiful and the OSU Extension office in Painesville. We will have a recycled craft for kids to do during the event. We will be manning the table on Sunday, November 15, from Noon – 4:00 PM. More details coming soon.

KWB Awards Night – November 10, Tuesday, at the Wickliffe I&A Hall, with James Catering. Committee needed to organize the event, with Debbie Edelman, Barb Joyce and Mary Ann Boos volunteering.

Holiday Lighting – November 28, Saturday, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Will be an Open House inside City Hall this year, with tree decorating by Macy's, a model train setup by the Western Reserve Model RR Museum, and carolers inside City Hall. The lights will already be lit as guests arrive and walk up the front walkway. Refreshments will be served on the front patio. Patty suggested that we bake pre-made dough cookies this year, instead of purchasing store bought ones. More on this to come. Barb Joyce suggested we look at www.restaurants.com to purchase gift certificates to local restaurants at discount rates. Many are available at less than half-price of value.

Chris Mlachak moved that the meeting be adjourned and Barb Joyce seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next KWB meeting will be held on September 23, 2009, at 7:00 PM at Wickliffe City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fowler
Program Director